

Developing Relationships with Legal Services and Lawyer Referral Programs Worksheet for Developing Plan

1. Which issues do we think face self-represented litigants that would benefit from discussions with legal services agencies in our community? What are some potential solutions to those issues?

2. Which issues do we think face self-represented litigants that would benefit from discussions with lawyer referral programs? What are some potential solutions to those issues?

3. Which issues do we think face self-represented litigants and/or our staff that would benefit from discussions with the local bar or specialty bars? What are some potential solutions to those issues?

4. What mechanisms do we currently have for having these conversations? Are there others that would be helpful? Regular meetings, participation in court management discussions, informal lunches, training sessions, county-wide self-represented litigant task force ...?

5. What kinds of triage protocols have we developed? When do we refer people to attorneys? Have we developed referral protocols for these cases with legal services? Lawyer referral services?

6. Do we have legal services agencies providing assistance in the courthouse or with our program? Are there ways we could coordinate those services even more effectively?
